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1 Q. Generally speaking, how did she characterize the  
2 vulnerability of that network to you?

3 A. She said that unfortunately because of the academic setting  
4 of the university and simple funding issues that the University  
5 of Idaho's network was very vulnerable to cyber probing, cyber  
6 attack.

7 Q. Did you discuss with her as part of the interview her  
8 position with regard to the program that the advanced students  
9 have available to them and how that relates to computer  
10 security versus hacking?

11 A. Yes, we did have an opportunity to discuss that with her.

12 Q. And essentially, what was her position with regard to that  
13 program -- the significance of that program and the concepts of  
14 security and hacking?

15 A. Well, Dr. Frinke as I mentioned earlier in my testimony is  
16 considered preeminent within circles of the government with  
17 regard to computer security, intrusion defense, things of that  
18 nature. Because of her knowledge in that area, she takes her  
19 job very seriously when it comes to instructing new students  
20 that are part of these programs. She told me that she makes it  
21 a point upon her initial contact with new students to make sure  
22 that they understand to not use the knowledge that they're  
23 learning in the program to go out and conduct hacking because  
24 certainly someone who knows how to defend a computer system  
25 will also know the weaknesses and how to exploit it.

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1           She says she takes great pains in even using the FBI  
2   as an example to say that if you go out -- addressing the  
3   students, if you go out and do any hacking, the FBI will  
4   investigate.

5   Q.   You might have said this and I didn't catch it.  If I  
6   didn't, I apologize.  Did she characterize these advanced  
7   students as sophisticated hackers on the right side of the law?  
8   Does that ring a bell?

9   A.   Actually, no.  In our discussions during the interview  
10   process, those were -- those were things that we threw back and  
11   forth in discussion.  But clearly, it was apparent during the  
12   course of the interview that there has to be an ethical line  
13   that students with that kind of knowledge have to walk and not  
14   cross.  And I believe that she takes a very serious look at  
15   that and impresses that upon her students.

16   Q.   I have a newspaper article here with an article attributed  
17   to the Associated Press that indicates a quote of Dr. Frinke  
18   it says, quote, "The technology that protects the system is the  
19   same technology that can bring a system down," closed quote.  
20   Assuming she made that statement, is that consistent with what  
21   she told you in her interview?

22   A.   I think it's very consistent.  Dr. Frinke even stated that  
23   with a cursory look at a student in the CSDS program at the  
24   University of Idaho, you might think of that person -- you  
25   might believe that person is a hacker because the tools that

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1 they use in order to learn their profession to do their  
2 research are the same tools that a hacker would use.

3 Q. I also have an article that came off of a web site that is  
4 attributed to I believe the Lewiston Tribune also quoting Dr.  
5 Frinke. It says, "The average computer owner, Frinke said, can  
6 help guard against everything from identity theft to terrorism  
7 by routinely adapting or using more complicated passwords.  
8 Those who have constant on-line service should also invest in  
9 the latest firewall components to help insure against entry."

10 Is that comment, assuming she made it, consistent with her  
11 interview by the FBI?

12 A. Absolutely. I think she is very aware of the potential  
13 vulnerabilities of computer systems and that is consistent with  
14 what we learned from our interview with her.

15 Q. Did your investigation include chatting with security  
16 officials at the University of Idaho with regard to that  
17 network?

18 A. Yes, it did.

19 Q. Anyone in particular?

20 A. Yes. The IT security director, for lack of a better term,  
21 Tony Opheim (phonetic) was interviewed. I myself did not  
22 conduct that interview but I am privy to the information  
23 obtained.

24 Q. And did that interview include -- did it address entries  
25 into the network that Dr. Frinke perhaps is referring to here

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1 in this article and the security danger associated with that?

2 A. Yes.

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3 Q. Generally speaking, what is your understanding of what this  
4 fellow said as far as entries into the network and the  
5 difficulties that that can cause?

6 A. I think Mr. Opheim is very comfortable with the level of  
7 security he has for the network based on the limited budget  
8 that he has. However, he is also very concerned about the  
9 vulnerabilities of the network and in the discussions that our  
10 investigators have had with him, one of his biggest concerns is  
11 of probing or intrusion from within versus from without. For  
12 example, if someone were to have access to the network and in  
13 such a fashion, they essentially bypass some of the stronger  
14 security layers, get inside the layers of the onion if you will  
15 and are able to probe the system, probe the network which as  
16 you recall from my earlier testimony is a very advanced, very  
17 fast, very sophisticated network.

18 Q. And connected with other networks; is that right?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. Did your investigation include analysis by computer experts  
21 with regard to the large hard drive computer in the isotope  
22 lab?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did that analysis render a result or an opinion as to the  
25 nature of that computer with that large hard drive from the

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1 standpoint of being a server?

2 A. Yes, it did.

3 Q. What's your understanding of that analysis?

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- 4 A. My understanding from the analysis or the security scan  
5 that was run on that particular computer is that it is or was a  
6 file server. The concern by the information technology  
7 security personnel at the University of Idaho is independent  
8 file service created on a network essentially create a back  
9 door for entry into the network.
- 10 Q. An open portal; is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. With the security officer, did you discuss whether or not  
13 this type of phenomenon, a server in fact resulting in an open  
14 portal in a left-handed way, how that relates to the security  
15 policy of the University of Idaho?
- 16 A. Yes. He said that -- I'm sorry.
- 17 Q. Go ahead. What was said?
- 18 A. Periodic scans are always made of the computer systems at  
19 the university looking for violations of university policy. An  
20 independent file server is a violation of policy and it would  
21 be immediately shut down and the persons responsible for either  
22 the creation or use of that file server would then be  
23 answerable to the dean of the university and perhaps have their  
24 network privileges removed.
- 25 Q. Did the technical analysis indicate that the defendant's

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- 1 computer as a server had in effect had that effect of opening  
2 that portal?
- 3 A. Yes. An independent scan of that particular server was run  
4 and there were indications that IP addresses from outside the  
5 network had perhaps probed the network. What he was not able

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6 to tell us was the extent, whether it was just a probing issue,  
7 whether it was a false positive, whether someone actually  
8 entered the network and was inside downloading or probing for  
9 security weaknesses within. The scan could not tell us any of  
10 that but what it did tell us was that there were at least two  
11 IP addresses, possibly three, that appear to have panned or  
12 probed at a minimum the system.

13 Q. Did one of those IP addresses correspond to a web site that  
14 we've discussed here today?

15 A. Yes, it did.

16 Q. And what is that web site?

17 A. That web site is Islam Way.com.

18 Q. And that is associated with the Islamic Assembly of North  
19 America; is that correct?

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 Q. Shifting gears slightly, did your post-arrest interviews  
22 reveal anything as far as people opining about the defendant's  
23 radical orientation changing after September 11?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What did those interviews reveal?

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1 A. There was at least one interview that I'm aware of where a  
2 fellow student, an associate, stated that prior to September  
3 11 --

4 MR. NEVIN: I'll object to it without further  
5 foundation with respect to who made the statement.

6 COURT: Response?

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7 MR. LINDQUIST: That's fine.

8 BY MR. LINDQUIST:

9 Q. Who made the statement?

10 A. During the interview, a fellow student, Sala Al-Korida  
11 (phonetic), statements were made that prior to September 11,  
12 the group to which Mr. Al-Hussayen belongs was very radical but  
13 that they toned down their rhetoric for lack of a better word  
14 after September 11.

15 Q. To your knowledge, Agent Gneckow, does the United States  
16 have an extradition treaty with Saudi Arabia?

17 A. To my knowledge, there is no extradition treaty.

18 Q. And to your knowledge at the present time, independently of  
19 this prosecution and this detention hearing mechanism, does the  
20 Immigration and Naturalization Service or what was formally  
21 before Homeland Security the Immigration and Naturalization  
22 Service have a detainer lodged against the defendant at the  
23 present time for those independent administrative proceedings?

24 A. It is my understanding that there is a detainer.

25 Q. And is your understanding that those charges are similar to

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1 the charges in this indictment and also reflect the orientation  
2 of this investigation?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 MR. LINDQUIST: Your Honor, thank you. Those are the  
5 questions that I have of Agent Gneckow.

6 COURT: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. NEVIN: Is this a time we can take a brief recess,  
8 Your Honor?



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9 COURT: All right. We'll be in recess for 15 minutes  
10 until 3:30.

11 CLERK: All rise.

12 (A recess was taken.)

13 COURT: You may be seated. You may proceed.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION

15 QUESTIONS BY MR. NEVIN:

16 Q. Let's start with the last point you testified about first,  
17 this business of talking to Deb Frinke. Did I understand you to  
18 say that Dr. Frinke was not aware that Sami was occupying a new  
19 work station at the isotope lab?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And he had moved to that location fairly recently, isn't  
22 that true?

23 A. I'm not positive of the date he moved.

24 Q. You haven't checked that out in the course of your  
25 investigation?

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1 A. Those sorts of things are under investigation right now.  
2 Unfortunately, nobody knew when he moved into the isotope lab.

3 Q. No one knew?

4 A. No one at the university that we've interviewed to this  
5 date.

6 Q. Yeah. But it's not true that no one knew, is it?

7 A. Oh, I'm sure you're correct. There are some people that  
8 know when he moved over there. But as far as our investigation  
9 is concerned, we have yet to interview someone who knows when

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10 he moved there.

11 Q. Yeah, your investigation is incomplete in that respect but  
12 we're talking about an office that is a physical location at  
13 the university, right? I mean it's visible to the naked eye,  
14 correct?

15 A. That is correct, sir.

16 Q. Anybody who wanted to go there could see that Sami was  
17 occupying that space, right?

18 A. That's not correct, sir. That office space is locked much  
19 of the time.

20 Q. The time -- this is the computer, is it not, that all of  
21 these pictures that you found was located on, right?

22 A. No, sir. Some of the photographs came from that computer.  
23 Some came from Mr. Al-Hussayen's home computer.

24 Q. Right. And the bulk of them came from the computer at the  
25 isotope lab; isn't that true?

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1 A. Sir, I'm not sure what the percentage is.

2 Q. Did you determine when those pictures had been placed on  
3 the hard drive of that computer?

4 A. As you recall from my previous testimony, sir, it was just  
5 a cursory review. Complete analysis of the computer has yet to  
6 be conducted.

7 Q. Well, isn't it true that those pictures -- that many of  
8 those pictures were probably placed on that computer before  
9 Sami ever started using it?

10 A. Sir, as I stated, I --

11 Q. You don't know.

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12 A. That part of the investigation, that analysis has yet to be  
13 conducted.

14 Q. Isn't it true that Sami has only started using the computer  
15 in that location for something like the last six months or so?

16 A. As I mentioned earlier, sir, we're still looking into the  
17 exact date that he moved in there.

18 Q. Well, yes, sir, but you testified -- your testimony  
19 indicated that these photographs -- I mean you came here and  
20 testified that these photographs are connected to Sami  
21 Al-Hussayen and you indicate that -- the implication is that  
22 he's downloaded them and preserved them for the purposes of  
23 having them on his computer because they -- they're consistent  
24 with his beliefs. I mean that was the tenor of your testimony,  
25 wasn't it?

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1 A. Sir, I never stated that he downloaded any of those images.

2 Q. Well, why were you -- why was it raised then?

3 A. Because in the normal course of an investigation that deals  
4 with computer activity, typical analysis of computers includes  
5 retrieving documentary evidence, photographic images, things of  
6 the like.

7 Q. So you had time to print them out and attach the file name  
8 to them but you didn't have time to determine when they were  
9 downloaded?

10 A. Sir, the computer at the isotope lab as an example is an 80  
11 gigabyte computer. To put things in perspective, that is  
12 thousands, perhaps millions of documents. The search was

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13 conducted just on the 26th and this was just a cursory review  
14 of what was on the computer.

15 Q. Sir, if you had time to print these images, you had time to  
16 tell us when they were downloaded, didn't you?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Okay. Now, you know, don't you that when I log onto the  
21 New York Times.com, for example, that happens to be my home  
22 page that the images that are on New York Times.com are  
23 downloaded to my computer and they stay there on my computer  
24 until I go and I delete them. Don't you know that to be true?

25 A. Sir, I don't have an internet computer at home so I don't

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1 necessarily know that.

2 Q. You're conducting this investigation and you don't know  
3 that?

4 A. Sir, I rely on my --

5 MR. LINDQUIST: This is just argumentative.

6 COURT: I'll sustain the objection.

7 MR. NEVIN: Well, Your Honor, the witness --

8 COURT: Proceed by questions, Counsel.

9 BY MR. NEVIN:

10 Q. Well, sir, you then aren't aware of how pictures end up on  
11 a computer? Is that your testimony?

12 A. My testimony, sir, is that I rely on the technical experts  
13 to tell me that.

14 Q. And so the answer would be you don't know how they get

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15 there, you personally?

16 A. I'm sorry. Was that a question?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. I personally rely on the technical experts to provide me  
19 information relative to the computer analysis aspects of our  
20 investigation.

21 Q. So if I told you that when a person logs onto a news  
22 organization's web site and the photographs are downloaded onto  
23 a person's computer, if I told you that they stay there until  
24 you go and delete them, you wouldn't be able to disagree to  
25 that?

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1 A. I would have to refer to the experts.

2 Q. Did you say that was an 80 gigabyte hard drive?

3 A. That is my understanding.

4 Q. That will hold a lot of photographs, won't it?

5 A. That's what I've been told, yes.

6 Q. And photographs will keep flowing onto it until it fills  
7 up, right?

8 A. I would have to defer to the experts on that, sir.

9 Q. And it is the filling up of a computer with photographs  
10 that would typically cause its performance to slow down and it  
11 would alert a person to the fact that it was filling up that  
12 something needed to be done about that; isn't that true?

13 A. Again, sir, I would have to defer to the experts on that.

14 Q. You testified that this is unusually large, this 80  
15 gigabyte hard drive. That a 3 or 4 gigabyte hard drive would

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16 be more a typical kind of (inaudible).

17 A. That's what I've been told.

18 Q. Isn't it true that a 3 to 4 gigabyte hard drive won't even  
19 run the operating systems that are used at the University of  
20 Idaho?

21 A. Again, sir, I'd have to defer to the experts on that.

22 Q. Did I understand you to say that Dr. Frinke told you that  
23 she, Dr. Frinke, made it clear to all of her students that if  
24 they did any hacking, the FBI would in some way be made aware  
25 of it and would investigate it?

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1 A. Yes. Dr. Frinke made statements to us that indicated that  
2 she was cognizant of the potential security concerns and made  
3 every effort to allow her students to understand that security  
4 on these systems is paramount as far as her teachings are  
5 concerned.

6 Q. So anybody who was using the computer -- anybody who would  
7 have been in her program would be -- would have some awareness,  
8 some capacity to be aware of the level of sophistication that  
9 the FBI has in gathering up these kinds of communications?

10 A. I don't know that that's necessarily what she said to me,  
11 sir. I believe that she said that she used the FBI as an  
12 example of an entity that would potentially investigate in the  
13 event there was hacking.

14 Q. She didn't tell you that Sami had ever been involved in  
15 hacking, did she?

16 A. She did not.

17 Q. And she didn't tell you that the system at the University

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18 of Idaho was ever compromised in any way, did she?

19 A. She did not say that it had ever been compromised but she  
20 did express grave concerns about its vulnerable status.

21 Q. She told you that Mr. Al-Hussayen had changed advisors on  
22 his own?

23 A. That is what she said, yes.

24 Q. Did she tell you that she had had an illness, I believe  
25 breast cancer, that prohibited her from being at the university

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1 for something on the order of a year?

2 A. We were aware of that, yes.

3 Q. You were aware of that before you testified here? You were  
4 aware of that earlier today when you testified?

5 A. Was I aware of the fact that Dr. Frinke had suffered from  
6 an illness?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Isn't that the reason that Sami Al-Hussayen changed  
10 advisors because she was really no longer accessible to him?

11 A. I have not had the opportunity to ask Mr. Al-Hussayen why  
12 he changed advisors.

13 Q. You had the opportunity to ask Dr. Frinke that, didn't you?  
14 Didn't she tell you that?

15 A. Dr. Frinke said that he changed advisors on her own --  
16 excuse me, on his own rather than putting her in the position  
17 of having to take action herself but that the break-up was  
18 amicable.

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19 Q. Do you think it's unusual for a person to get extensions on  
20 the completion of their doctoral work?  
21 A. I don't know, sir. I don't know if it's unusual or not.  
22 Q. Well, your testimony implied that it was unusual.  
23 A. I certainly think that three extensions sounds unusual.  
24 Q. Okay. Have you made inquiry about that to see whether  
25 doctoral students typically get extensions, whether that's

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1 unusual or not?  
2 A. Not specifically, sir.  
3 Q. You referred to a statement that you had overheard or that  
4 someone in your investigation had overheard that Sami  
5 Al-Hussayen had been involved in and a statement was made to  
6 the effect that in the United States, they have to live in  
7 terror in order to rationalize their actions? Do you remember  
8 that?  
9 A. Yes, I do remember that.  
10 Q. What was the date of that?  
11 A. I would have to refer to my notes.  
12 Q. Feel free to do that.  
13 WITNESS: Your Honor, may I?  
14 COURT: Yes.  
15 BY MR. NEVIN:  
16 Q. Are you ready to --  
17 A. Yes, sir, I am.  
18 Q. Go ahead.  
19 A. The date as reflected in my notes is November 16, 2002.  
20 Q. And was that an e-mail?



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21 A. I don't recall specifically whether it was e-mail or  
22 telephonic intercept.

23 Q. Mr. Gneckow, what did it refer to? Can you give it some  
24 context?

25 A. I unfortunately don't have the document in front of me.

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1 Q. Aren't you aware that a lot of people around this country  
2 feel that one of the justifications for going to war in Iraq  
3 which many people disagree with is a degree in a sense of  
4 people being terrified and therefore to urge us on to go to war  
5 in Iraq?

6 A. I'm sorry, sir. I didn't understand your question.

7 Q. Well, have you been following the debate about whether we  
8 should go to war in Iraq over the last few months?

9 A. Yes, sir, I have.

10 Q. Aren't you aware that there are a lot of people who believe  
11 that argument for going to war in Iraq is based on trying to  
12 make people in the United States feel that they live in terror  
13 or that they should be fearful and that therefore it's  
14 necessary to go to war in Iraq to eradicate terrorism?

15 A. That may be the argument that some people are placing, yes.

16 Q. Is that what Mr. Al-Hussayen was referring to in the  
17 conversation?

18 A. Sir, as I mentioned before --

19 Q. You don't know.

20 A. -- I don't have content here in front of me.

21 Q. Now, you also testified that on the day before he was

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22 arrested, Sami spoke to his brother Halid?

23 A. Khalid. That's spelled K-h-a-l-i-d.

24 Q. And you think it's pronounced Khalid?

25 A. That's how I pronounce it, sir.

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1 Q. And is it correct that the brother -- that Khalid asked

2 Sami, "where should I send money?" And Sami said to Help the

3 Needy?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Because that was above suspicion?

6 A. That's exactly right, sir.

7 Q. And that he understood the money was going to Iraq?

8 A. Sami's brother actually asked him if the money was going to

9 Iraq and Sami said that yes, it was.

10 Q. Don't you know that there have been embargos in place

11 against Iraq for a number of years?

12 A. Yes, sir, I am aware that there is an embargo.

13 Q. And aren't you aware that that's created tremendous

14 hardship among common people in Iraq?

15 A. Sir, that may be so but the embargo is law.

16 Q. And the embargo has caused there to be medical hardship,

17 nutritional hardship, matters of that sort? You're aware of

18 that, aren't you?

19 A. Sir, I've not done any research into the conditions in

20 Iraq.

21 Q. Isn't it reasonable for people to want to try to provide

22 some relief to people under those circumstances? Isn't that in

23 fact kind of a noble purpose?

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24 A. Sir, you recall from my previous testimony, I said the  
25 United States is an area in which because of its affluent

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1 nature and because the American people are so giving that this  
2 is an area where donations to charities of worthy causes are  
3 something that are common place for us and that's why it's a  
4 place that terrorist organizations like to operate out of.

5 Q. On January 17 of 2003, you stated that there was a  
6 martyrdom poem and you read from the poem.

7 A. I did.

8 Q. And you indicated that the e-mail was from Islam Today.  
9 Who at Islam Today was it from?

10 A. It's interesting you bring that up because I spoke with Mr.  
11 Lindquist and we were going to correct the fact that it came  
12 from Islam Way versus Islam Today.

13 Q. There's a difference, isn't there?

14 A. Yes, there is a difference.

15 Q. All right. And with respect to Islam way, where did  
16 that -- who did that e-mail come from?

17 A. My recollection of the document is that it came from Islam  
18 Way itself; not from a specific individual.

19 Q. So it was a publication of Islam Way.com?

20 A. I don't know that to be certain. The Islam Way.com e-mail  
21 address is what sent that to Mr. Al-Hussayen. I don't know  
22 necessarily that it was a publication so much as perhaps it was  
23 just an e-mail that included that.

24 Q. Was it sent to anyone besides Mr. Al-Hussayen?

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25 A. I'm not certain.

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1 Q. Isn't it correct that Islam Way has mailing lists of  
2 thousands of people to whom communications are sent?

3 A. Sir, I don't know that for a fact.

4 Q. Maybe as many as 90,000?

5 A. Sir, I don't know that.

6 Q. Are you -- did you look to see what Sami's GPA was at the  
7 University of Idaho?

8 A. Yes, sir, I looked at it on a number of occasions.

9 Q. It's a 3.88, isn't it?

10 A. My recollection that the last one is a 3.88, yes.

11 Q. Isn't it true that he went all the way through his doctoral  
12 program at the University of Idaho and got one B, all the rest  
13 A's in his courses?

14 A. My recollection of his studies indicate that yes, he did  
15 get good grades.

16 Q. And yet your testimony (inaudible) that he was struggling?

17 A. As you recall, my testimony stated that in the interview  
18 with Dr. Frinke, she believed that he was struggling based on  
19 his lack of progress in the pursuit of his doctoral  
20 dissertation which is not necessarily the same thing as  
21 attending class and receiving grades.

22 Q. Did you mention that on April the 15th, Sami had received a  
23 message from another student soliciting money for Hamasse?

24 A. I'll have to double check the date. If you'll bear with me  
25 for a moment.

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1 Q. Sure.

2 A. Your question again, please?

3 Q. April 15 of 2002, a message to Sami requesting soliciting  
4 money for Hamasse?

5 A. On April 15, 2002, Mr. Al-Hussayen did receive an e-mail  
6 message from another student at the University of Idaho. The  
7 content of that message was essentially a solicitation of funds  
8 for Hamasse. In that particular e-mail, there was information  
9 that suggested the cost of bullets per bullet of automatic  
10 weapons, explosives, et cetera.

11 Q. And you didn't tell us what Mr. Al-Hussayen's response was.

12 A. I did not tell you what his response is, you're correct.

13 Q. What was it?

14 A. Sir, I don't have his response in front of me.

15 Q. So if I sent you an e-mail describing donations to Hamasse  
16 in an unsolicited e-mail, would that make you guilty of  
17 something?

18 A. Sir, I didn't say that someone who receives an e-mail like  
19 that is necessarily guilty. However, individuals who routinely  
20 receive e-mail messages that talk about Jihad, that talk about  
21 terrorist activity, that is something of concern to me.

22 MR. NEVIN: Your Honor, I have three exhibits that I  
23 would ask to be marked.

24 COURT: All right. The bailiff will hand them to be  
25 marked. Marked as Defendant's Exhibits A, B and C. Copies are

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1 provided to (inaudible).  
2 MR. NEVIN: Yeah.  
3 MR. LINDQUIST: They have?  
4 MR. NEVIN: Yeah.  
5 WITNESS: Thank you.  
6 BY MR. NEVIN:  
7 Q. I'll ask if you have Defendant's Exhibits A, B and C in  
8 front of you?  
9 A. Yes, sir.  
10 Q. And do you recognize those, sir?  
11 A. I recognize Exhibit A as a photocopy of what appears to be  
12 an article from the Seattle Post (inaudible). Exhibit B is  
13 what appears to be another article also from the Seattle PI and  
14 Exhibit C is again what appears to be another article from the  
15 Seattle PI.  
16 Q. And the date of those articles?  
17 A. The date of the article for Exhibit A is -- appears to be  
18 August 2, 2002.  
19 MR. LINDQUIST: Your Honor, I'm going to object. May  
20 I ask a question in aid of that objection?  
21 COURT: All right.  
22 MR. LINDQUIST: Agent Gneckow, have you seen any of  
23 these three exhibits before looking at them right now?  
24 WITNESS: No.  
25 MR. LINDQUIST: Foundation hasn't been laid to allow

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1 this witness to be addressing these exhibits.

2 COURT: Response.

3 MR. NEVIN: Well, Your Honor, I'll state by way of  
4 proffer that these are articles which appeared in the Seattle  
5 Post Intelligence August the 2nd, 2002, some six months  
6 before -- more than six months before Sami was arrested and  
7 they refer to Sami and there will be additional testimony about  
8 these matters. And they indicate that members of the Muslim  
9 community in the Palouse were made crystal clear aware that the  
10 FBI was conducting an investigation of allegations of money  
11 being funded to improper -- funneled to improper organizations;  
12 that this information became available, as I say, six months  
13 before Sami's arrest and I think it's important because as we  
14 know, Sami made no attempt to flee the country despite the fact  
15 that these articles were published.

16 COURT: well, as I stated at the outset, the formal  
17 rules of evidence do not apply in a detention hearing. We're  
18 just going to proceed by proffer or otherwise. To the extent  
19 the objection is based more upon the rules of evidence than the  
20 matter that should be considered by the Court, I'll overrule  
21 the objection to the extent that the witness may have knowledge  
22 of what's contained in the articles or whatever the  
23 (inaudible).

24 BY MR. NEVIN:

25 Q. And you've never seen these before?

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1 A. No, I don't believe I have.

2 Q. Are you aware of this -- these articles being written?

3 A. I seem to recall that there was information that part of  
4 our investigation had been leaked to the media. However, I try  
5 to make it a habit not to concern myself with the actual  
6 written stories that come out.

7 Q. You're saying it was not a concern to you that your -- some  
8 of the aspects of your investigation may have been leaked to  
9 the media?

10 A. No, that's not what I said. I said the content of the  
11 stories themselves are of little concern to me. The fact that  
12 it was leaked to the media was of concern to me.

13 Q. And the reason that it would be of concern to you is  
14 because it might reveal to the people that you were  
15 investigating the fact that you were investigating them and  
16 then in response to that, they might try to flee or take other  
17 actions?

18 A. Yeah. Among the other actions they would take could  
19 potentially be the destruction of valuable evidence as well.

20 Q. Right. And possibly trying to flee the jurisdiction to  
21 avoid being around when you arrested them. That's a  
22 possibility as well.

23 A. It is a remote possibility, yes.

24 Q. Well, do you have information that Mr. Al-Hussayen has  
25 destroyed evidence?

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1 A. It would be very difficult to determine if say hard  
2 documentary evidence in the form of paper had been destroyed



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3 and things were shredded or burned or put away other places.

4 It would be difficult to know that.

5 Q. Sure. But as difficult as it would be, you do sometimes  
6 find that kind of thing out and you don't have any evidence of  
7 that having occurred in this situation?

8 A. Sir, Moscow, Idaho is about two hours south of our office.  
9 The logistics of being able to keep an eye on the physical  
10 comings and goings of people down there are quite difficult.  
11 If someone were to leave the house and destroy evidence, it's  
12 very possible we would never know.

13 Q. And again, you don't have evidence that there's been any  
14 destruction of evidence?

15 A. The investigation --

16 MR. LINDQUIST: That's been asked and answered, Your  
17 Honor.

18 MR. NEVIN: No, actually it hasn't been answered, Your  
19 Honor.

20 MR. LINDQUIST: It has been answered by this witness.

21 COURT: Well, just a moment. Let the Court rule on  
22 the matter. Can you respond to that question directly yes or  
23 no?

24 WITNESS: The investigation has yet to determine  
25 whether evidence has been destroyed. However, as we stated

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1 throughout my testimony, the investigation is ongoing.

2 BY MR. NEVIN:

3 Q. And you have acquired mountains of evidence, would that be

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4 fair to say? Is that true?  
5 A. A lot of evidence, yes.  
6 Q. You testified about a check that Sami wrote to the Global  
7 Relief Foundation, did you not?  
8 A. Actually I believe I said it was a check or checks written  
9 to Global Relief, yes.  
10 Q. And those would have written on Sami Al-Hussayen's bank  
11 account?  
12 A. I believe that is the case, yes.  
13 Q. Which bank account uses his name, right?  
14 A. I'm sorry. Your question?  
15 Q. The bank account uses his name.  
16 A. Which bank account uses his name? Is that what you're  
17 asking?  
18 Q. No. The bank account that -- from which the checks to the  
19 Global Relief Fund were written were written on a bank account  
20 that has Sami Al-Hussayen's name attached to it, right?  
21 A. That is correct, yes.  
22 Q. And the checks have his name as well printed right on them,  
23 don't they?  
24 A. Yes, I believe so.  
25 Q. Not any effort to hide the fact that that -- that that

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1 check was being written to that organization, right?  
2 A. Well, not necessarily unless you take into the account the  
3 fact that the memo line is written in Arabic versus in English.  
4 Q. Yes. And do you have anybody in your organization who  
5 speaks Arabic, sir?

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6 A. As a matter of fact, we do have a number of language  
7 specialists who speak Arabic but there are none assigned to the  
8 Coeur d'Alene office nor to the Boise office and that's where  
9 the lion's share of the evidence regarding the financial  
10 aspects of the investigation are conducted.

11 Q. The testimony that you provided about the Al-Multayce, the  
12 apartment at 504 and a half D Street, do you remember that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You indicated that there were private discussions which  
15 were undertaken which were not to be discussed in public.

16 A. I don't believe that's what I said, sir.

17 Q. What did you say about that?

18 MR. LINDQUIST: About what, Your Honor? There was a  
19 large number of questions directed toward that.

20 COURT: They're referring to the apartment and what  
21 occurred there.

22 BY MR. NEVIN:

23 Q. Was their testimony not that it was a place to hold private  
24 discussions?

25 A. I believe that my testimony did shadow -- or did share

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1 information such as that and that's based primarily on  
2 investigative experience. Generally around the country, these  
3 sorts of investigations clearly indicate that there are  
4 separate secluded meeting places by which many groups that are  
5 currently under investigation can meet privately to discuss  
6 private things. These meetings typically took place on

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7 Saturday evenings in Moscow on the other side of town from the  
8 Islamic center. Not everyone from the Islamic center was  
9 invited to these meetings. Therefore, it appears that these  
10 meetings were for more private discussions.

11 Q. Sir, that was a social club, wasn't it?

12 A. Sir, I've never been asked to attend. I would not know.

13 Q. Well, aren't there foosball tables -- isn't there a  
14 foosball table there?

15 A. Sir, I've never been inside the Al-Multayce apartment.

16 Q. Well, but the FBI has been inside there. Didn't they serve  
17 a search warrant there?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. Well, you've not been told that there was a foosball table  
20 and a pingpong table there?

21 A. Sir, no one told me that there is a foosball table inside  
22 the apartment and until someone tells me such, I won't know.

23 Q. In any event, you don't have -- in all of your  
24 interceptions and all the rest, you don't have any indication  
25 that any kind of secret conversations took place at that

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1 location, do you?

2 MR. LINDQUIST: Your Honor, could we approach a side  
3 bar, please?

4 COURT: All right.

5 (A side bar discussion was had.)

6 BY MR. NEVIN:

7 Q. Mr. Gneckow, you also described payments -- some checks  
8 that had been written by Sami to -- that had been intended to

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9 go to Chechnya. And that those -- those were checks which were  
10 directed to the Global Relief Foundation; is that correct?  
11 A. That is correct.  
12 Q. And again, those checks were written on Sami's own bank  
13 account, checks that had his name printed on them, correct?  
14 A. I'm not sure without the checks in front of me but I would  
15 imagine that is the case.  
16 Q. Do other people write checks to the Global Relief  
17 Foundation?  
18 A. Yes. It's my understanding that the Global Relief  
19 Foundation receives many checks.  
20 Q. Thousands of checks from people all over; isn't that true?  
21 A. I don't know what the number is, sir.  
22 Q. Did you indicate that the Global Relief Foundation has been  
23 declared to be a terrorist organization?  
24 A. Sir, I believe my testimony stated that pursuant to  
25 executive order 13224, it has been designated by the U.S.

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1 treasury department as a terrorist support organization under  
2 the guidelines of OFAC, the Office of Foreign Asset Control.  
3 Q. Is the same true of Help the Needy?  
4 A. No, sir. I do not believe that Help the Needy has been  
5 designated under OFAC.  
6 Q. Is it true that Help the Needy has been indicted as an  
7 organization?  
8 A. I'm not absolutely positive that the organization itself  
9 has been indicted.

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10 Q. The organization IANA, Islamic Assembly of North America,  
11 has not been designated as a terrorist organization, has it?

12 A. Not at this time, it hasn't.

13 Q. And not at any time in the past, has it?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Not at any time when Sami Al-Hussayen was dealing with it,  
16 right?

17 A. Well, at this time, we have a bunch of evidence as a result  
18 of search warrants at IANA that are in the process of being  
19 reviewed. At the conclusion of that review, we'll see what  
20 happens.

21 Q. Yes. And my question was that at no time during the time  
22 that Sami Al-Hussayen was dealing with IANA was it ever  
23 declared to be a terrorist organization?

24 A. And his dealings with them continue to date; is that  
25 correct?

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1 Q. Today? They continue today?

2 A. To date I said.

3 Q. Is that your testimony, that he continues to deal with them  
4 today?

5 A. Sir, obviously he can't be dealing with them today.

6 Q. Right. So let me ask the question again. Isn't it true  
7 that at no time when Sami Al-Hussayen has ever dealt with IANA  
8 has it been declared to be a terrorist organization?

9 A. Not by OFAC, no, sir.

10 Q. By someone else?

11 A. Currently investigations clearly point to the fact that

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12 they're considered to be a support for terrorism.  
13 Q. So in other words, you're thinking about declaring them to  
14 be a terrorist organization?  
15 A. Sir, that's not my call.  
16 Q. And isn't it true that at all times that Sami has dealt  
17 with IANA that it has been a 501(c)(3) corporation?  
18 A. I'm not certain whether the entire time it has been but I  
19 believe that is true.  
20 Q. The government has never acted to take away its tax exempt  
21 status?  
22 A. Not yet.  
23 Q. It hasn't happened in the past. Not at any time when Sami  
24 was dealing with them was it -- was that status taken away?  
25 A. No, sir, not yet.

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1 Q. Isn't it true that their assets were frozen at a time after  
2 September the 11th but then the freeze was lifted shortly  
3 afterwards?  
4 A. Yes, sir. I'm vaguely aware of that incident, yes.  
5 Q. IANA has not been indicted, has it?  
6 A. No, sir.  
7 Q. Has any person who is presently a principal of IANA been  
8 indicted?  
9 A. I'm not exactly certain of the answer of that, sir. I know  
10 that we have individuals who may still be in active status with  
11 IANA that are currently under arrest or under indictment. The  
12 current status of those individuals I'm not certain of right

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13 now.

14 Q. You've referred to IANA from time to time as a charity and  
15 IANA has a legitimate purpose even in your view; isn't that  
16 true?

17 A. It's a purported charitable organization, yes.

18 Q. Well, it conducts seminars and conventions and operates  
19 summer programs up in Canada. You're aware of that, aren't  
20 you?

21 A. I'm not aware of summer programs in Canada, no, sir.

22 Q. You're aware that undertaking those activities costs money,  
23 aren't you?

24 A. Of course.

25 Q. You're also aware that they maintain an 800 number called

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1 Fatwah. Do you know what that is?

2 A. Yes, sir, I'm aware of the hot line.

3 Q. And that's a number that people can call to get questions  
4 answered about Islamic law and Islamic religious issues?

5 A. I have never spoken to anyone who has called that line,  
6 sir.

7 Q. You've not made an effort to determine whether that's a  
8 legitimate operation or enterprise?

9 A. Sir, based on the number and various activities including  
10 the volume of web sites, the Fatwah line is one of the areas  
11 that we have not paid very close attention to other than  
12 financial flows back and forth between individuals involved in  
13 that.

14 Q. Well, you know that it costs money to run the Fatwah line,  
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15 don't you?  
16 A. I don't know that, sir.  
17 Q. Then you know as well that IANA runs something called the  
18 radio net.  
19 A. Yes, I'm aware that they run a web site called radio net.  
20 Q. And you're aware that there was an effort at one time to  
21 start a radio station at IANA, aren't you?  
22 A. I'm not necessarily aware of that, no.  
23 Q. Do you know that it costs money to operate the IANA radio  
24 net?  
25 A. I would imagine it probably does cost money, sir.

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1 Q. Now, you mentioned a quarterly magazine that IANA  
2 publishes, Al-Manar Al-Jaheed. You're familiar with that,  
3 aren't you?  
4 A. Yes, I am.  
5 Q. And in fact you testified about money being sent to Amal  
6 Saltan, did you not?  
7 A. I did.  
8 Q. Isn't it true that Amal Saltan has been responsible for  
9 publication of Al-Manar Al-Jaheed?  
10 A. My understanding is that Amal Saltan is actively involved  
11 in that effort, yes.  
12 Q. Yeah. And you said that Sami had sent Mr. Saltan some  
13 \$15,200 over a period of time, correct?  
14 A. That does not include money sent directly from IANA to  
15 Saltan.

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16 Q. I was just asking you about money that Sami sent. That was  
17 your testimony, wasn't it?

18 A. It is although Sami being an officer -- de facto officer at  
19 least of the IANA, moneys flowing from the IANA to Amal Saltan  
20 I believe are pertinent.

21 Q. How often were moneys received from -- how often did Sami  
22 send money to Amal Saltan?

23 A. I'm not specifically sure of the number of times but the  
24 amount is \$15,200.

25 Q. Is it correct that it costs money to publish the magazine

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1 Al-Manar Al-Jaheed?

2 A. Sir, I haven't looked at the books.

3 Q. You haven't. You haven't looked at IANA's books?

4 A. They've been seized as part of a search warrant and I have  
5 not reviewed that as yet.

6 Q. Isn't it true that the magazine Al-Manar Al-Jaheed is  
7 received by American universities?

8 A. Sir, I don't know that.

9 Q. Isn't it true that IANA publishes books?

10 A. I do believe that they publish books, yes.

11 Q. And you can get on Amazon.com right now and find four or  
12 five titles that IANA has published, can't you?

13 A. Sir, do you recall from my testimony I don't have an  
14 internet computer.

15 Q. Are you aware that IANA provides scholarships to students?

16 A. I'm not aware of that, sir.

17 Q. Are you aware that IANA has a library program for prison

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18 inmates?

19 A. Yes, I'm aware of that.

20 Q. Are you aware that the government reimburses IANA for their  
21 expenses associated with that project?

22 A. Sir, if I may, during my testimony previously, I said that  
23 these various charitable organizations around the country do  
24 charitable work but portions of the work are not necessarily  
25 sent to good causes and in fact in many cases, portions of the

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1 money are siphoned off for diabolical causes. So to say to me  
2 that IANA is involved in charitable work simply restates what I  
3 testified to previously.

4 MR. NEVIN: Your Honor, I ask that the answer be  
5 stricken as nonresponsive.

6 COURT: It is nonresponsive. Please just try your  
7 best to answer the questions asked by counsel.

8 WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

9 BY MR. NEVIN:

10 Q. The question was are you aware that they have a public  
11 library project?

12 A. I'm not aware of that, sir.

13 Q. Well, have you analyzed what IANA has done with the money  
14 that you say it received from Sami Al-Hussayen?

15 A. We have done some analysis in that, yes.

16 Q. Is it your testimony that it was used for operation of  
17 IANA?

18 A. I believe it is used for operation of IANA, yes.

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19 Q. And for these legitimate purposes, among others, that I  
20 have just articulated?

21 A. What the money has done after it's paid out as salary out  
22 to the employees, I'm not aware of that.

23 Q. Do you know how many people give money to IANA?

24 A. No, sir, I don't.

25 Q. Do you know what organizations give money to IANA?

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1 A. I know some.

2 Q. Is it your intent -- is it your belief that all of the  
3 organizations and all of the people who provide money to IANA  
4 has committed crimes?

5 A. Sir, my previous testimony, I said that many people send  
6 money -- the reason many of these organizations exist in the  
7 United States is because people donate money to these  
8 organizations believing that the end result is going to be the  
9 charitable -- the charitable services that the organization  
10 purports. So certainly people will send money to charitable  
11 organization including IANA not knowing where the money's going  
12 but assuming it goes to the charitable cause that they're told.

13 Q. How long has your investigation of IANA been ongoing?

14 A. That's kind of difficult to say. The investigation of the  
15 defendant Mr. Al-Hussayen was initiated shortly after the event  
16 of September 11, 2001. As part of the investigation of Mr.  
17 Al-Hussayen, IANA was identified and subsequently was  
18 investigated.

19 Q. So you don't know when the investigation of IANA began?

20 A. Sir, if I could reference some of the case files, I could  
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21 tell you exactly the date but I don't have the case files in  
22 front of me.  
23 Q. Are they available to you readily today?  
24 A. No, sir.  
25 Q. Despite all of the investigation that you've done, however,

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1 you still are not -- you still have not caused IANA to be  
2 indicted, correct?  
3 A. Sir, IANA is not under indictment at this time.  
4 Q. So to a person from the outside looking in at IANA, during  
5 all of the periods of time that we've been talking about, '98,  
6 '99, the year 2000, the year 2001, the year 2002, IANA looks  
7 for all intents and purposes like a legitimate organization  
8 from the outside, doesn't it?  
9 A. Oh, not necessarily, sir.  
10 MR. LINDQUIST: I'll object to the form of the  
11 question from the perspective of whom? From the perspective of  
12 a law enforcement officer investigating international terrorism  
13 or what?  
14 COURT: The witness was starting to answer the  
15 question in any event. I'll let the -- are you standing on  
16 your objection?  
17 MR. LINDQUIST: Yes.  
18 COURT: I will sustain the objection and the question  
19 can be rephrased.  
20 MR. NEVIN: All right.  
21 BY MR. NEVIN:

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22 Q. From the point of view of a person -- not from the point of  
23 view of a law enforcement person. Let's start from the point  
24 of a view of an ordinary person. IANA has all the appearances  
25 of a legitimate organization, does it not?

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1 A. Sir, that's a difficult question for me to answer. I've  
2 been in federal law enforcement for 17 years. To ask me to  
3 tell you what a reasonable nonlaw enforcement person would  
4 think is -- that's a difficult question for me to answer.

5 Q. You offered testimony about Sami's Uncle Saleh. Do you  
6 recall that testimony?

7 A. Yes, I do.

8 Q. What is Saleh's background? Have you determined that?

9 A. I believe that he is currently a minister in the Saudi  
10 government and his post is Mecca at this time.

11 Q. Right. The Islamic holy city?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you don't advocate or contend that he advocates  
14 terrorism, do you?

15 A. Sir, not having had the opportunity to interview him, I  
16 can't really answer that question.

17 Q. You're not aware of him ever having written or spoken in  
18 favor of terrorism, are you?

19 A. I have no information at my disposal to analyze regarding  
20 that.

21 Q. And so you simply don't have any evidence to suggest that,  
22 do you, and nor does the FBI?

23 MR. LINDQUIST: To suggest what, Your Honor?

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24 MR. NEVIN: That he's involved in terrorism.  
25 WITNESS: Sir, based on the events that resulted in

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1 his interview and subsequent interview, I don't necessarily  
2 have information that suggests that he isn't something --  
3 someone that we need to talk to about terrorism.  
4 BY MR. NEVIN:  
5 Q. Was it your testimony that he was seen together with the  
6 terrorists who were at that hotel?  
7 A. No, sir, that was not my testimony.  
8 Q. He wasn't seen with them at all, was he?  
9 A. Sir, I have no information based on the investigation that  
10 he was observed in the company of the hijackers.  
11 Q. You don't have any evidence that he knows the hijackers, do  
12 you?  
13 A. Sir, I have no evidence to suggest that he doesn't know the  
14 hijackers.  
15 Q. And Mr. Gneckow, if he were truly aware of what the  
16 hijackers were about to do and supported it or had been  
17 involved in it in some way, the last place he would be with  
18 them is at the hotel with them the day before the hijacking  
19 occurs. Doesn't that make sense to you?  
20 A. Sir, you're asking me to speculate into the mind of a  
21 person I've never met.  
22 Q. Well, the last place that anybody with advanced knowledge  
23 of September 11 would be would be there at that hotel with the  
24 hijackers unless they were one of the hijackers. I mean

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25 doesn't that make sense to you?

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1 MR. LINDQUIST: Your Honor, that's a nice argument but  
2 we should leave that for closing argument. I'd be happy to  
3 address it.

4 COURT: All right. I'll sustain the objection.

5 BY MR. NEVIN:

6 Q. Well, isn't it more likely in your view, sir, that it's  
7 just a coincidence?

8 MR. LINDQUIST: And again that's just argument. If  
9 counsel wants to make that argument in closing, I'd be happy to  
10 respond.

11 COURT: All right. I'll sustain the objection.

12 BY MR. NEVIN:

13 Q. So how old is Saleh?

14 A. I'm not exactly sure but I believe his date of birth was in  
15 1931.

16 Q. So he's a man in his 70's.

17 A. If that date of birth is correct, yes.

18 Q. And was it your testimony that a number of people were  
19 questioning him?

20 A. I believe my testimony was that he was interviewed once on  
21 September 17 by a couple of FBI agents and then perhaps a day  
22 later. I'm not sure of the date.

23 Q. Was it hostile questioning?

24 A. My understanding, sir, is that when questions were asked  
25 relative to the event of September 11, that precipitated a



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1 seizure.

2 Q. So you have a 70-year-old Saudi man who's within days of  
3 September 11 is being interviewed by FBI agents and your  
4 testimony is that an attack that he had was fained?

5 A. Sir, the testimony that I provided was based on the  
6 information received from the interviewing agent who was  
7 perhaps in the best position to make an assessment after also  
8 speaking with the attending physician at the hospital.

9 Q. Mr. Gneckow, isn't it true that all of the money that you  
10 claim that Sami forwarded to IANA was forwarded from his own  
11 personal bank accounts?

12 A. Sir, based on the volumes of the accounts involved in this,  
13 I wouldn't be comfortable in saying that all of the money has  
14 come from his personal accounts.

15 Q. Well, the vast majority of it?

16 A. Again, sir, there's continued investigation that needs to  
17 be conducted. For example, a search warrant conducted at Mr.  
18 Al-Hussayen's house discovered the existence of a bank account  
19 that belongs to another individual who has since left the  
20 United States that Mr. Al-Hussayen apparently is using as well.

21 Q. Well, sir, you don't know of any money that Sami  
22 Al-Hussayen sent to IANA that did not come out of his personal  
23 bank accounts, do you?

24 A. That's not necessarily true.

25 Q. What money do you know of that Sami sent to IANA that did